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In re Application of	:	
Kishima, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/731,904	:	ON PETITION
Filed: December 8, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. SON-2029	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 13, 2005.

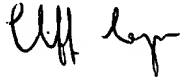
The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed September 22, 2004. This Office action set a shortened period for reply of two months. No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 23, 2004. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

Petitioner has paid the petition fee, submitted the required reply in the form of a "RESPONSE TO ACTION UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE", and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 1774 for consideration of the "RESPONSE TO ACTION UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE" filed June 13, 2005.

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